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**Labor and Employment Law Section
Annual Meeting
Minutes**

The Annual Meeting of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan was held in Dearborn on September 18, 2008.

Welcome and Introductions. David Calzone (Chair) introduced the current (FY2008) Council Members, Stuart Israel (Lawnotes), David Kotzian (Listserve) and Shel Stark (ICLE liaison). David recognized the past chairs present and thanked those members who retired during the course of the year from the Board: Rick Whiteman, Sue Ellen Eisenberg and David Rhem. David also thanked and recognized Kathryn VanDagens (retiring Council Member) and Michael Lee, the immediate past Chair of the Section and one of the longest serving Council members. David recognized and thanked the current Council Officers. David reviewed the highlights of the year: including a committee of younger lawyers helping with programming. Finally, David invited everyone to become more involved with the Section's activities, particularly new attorneys. David introduced David Khorey – Nominations Committee Chair.

Nominations. David Khorey provided a report and recommendations of the committee (which included himself, John Runyon and Sam Morgan):

Council Members:

Robert Boonin (2nd term)

Dennis Boren (1st term)

Larry Murphy (1st term)

Barry Goldman (1st term)

Niraj Ganatra (1st term)

Brad Glazier (1st term)

Officers:

Chair – Dan Bretz

Vice Chair – Jeff Donahue

Secretary – Darcie Brault

Treasurer – George Wirth

David Khorey then requested a motion for the requirement for paper ballots be suspended and that the Section proceed by voice vote. The motion was moved and seconded from the floor, and the motion to proceed by voice vote was approved.

A motion to adopt the recommendations of the Nominations Committee for Council members and Officers for FY2009 was made from the floor and supported from the floor. By voice vote the motion was approved.

New Chair Dan Bretz thanked the outgoing Chair David Calzone for his forward-thinking leadership of our group 2,200 members strong. A plaque and token of appreciation presented to David Calzone by Dan Bretz on behalf of the Council and Section.

David Calzone presented the "official" gavel to Daniel Bretz.

Upcoming Programs. Dan Bretz announced upcoming programs, including the Gottfried Seminar on 10/16/08 and a December Holiday gathering and cocktail party on a date to be announced. Dan informed members of the Mid-Winter meeting of the Section which will be at the DAC on 1/30 and 1/31/09. Dan invited Section members to appreciate Lawnotes and the Section website, including links of interest (new feature) and archived Lawnotes.

Amendment to Bylaws. Last piece of business was a proposed amendment to change the Section Bylaws in the manner published at page 55 of the August 2008 edition of the Michigan Bar Journal. David Calzone summarized the proposed amendment to eliminate the requirement that dues changes be approved as part of the annual meeting. David Calzone explained that the reason for the amendment was to make it more efficient to respond to fiscal issues. David Calzone also announced the intent of Council if the amendment passes to raise dues from \$30 to \$35. The change will not occur until FY09. After discussion, a motion to amend the Bylaws consistent with the published notice was made from the floor. Support for the motion was provided from the floor. The vote by raising hands was 40 for the amendment and 9 against the amendment. The bylaw amendment passed.

Dan Bretz concluded the business portion of the meeting and introduced the educational program.

Dated: September 22, 2008

Darcie R. Brault, Secretary and

Jeffrey S. Donahue, Past Secretary

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